

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Control panels for a drum type washing machine and a dryer, comprising:

a first control panel configured to be mounted on the drum type washing machine or the dryer, for controlling a cycle of the drum type washing machine or for controlling a cycle of the dryer, respectively;

a second control panel configured to be mounted on the dryer or the drum type washing machine in symmetry with the first control panel in view of an outer appearance, for controlling a cycle of the drum type washing machine or for controlling a cycle of the dryer, respectively;

a first controlling part configured to be connected to either one of the first control panel or the second control panel for controlling an operation of a corresponding one of the drum type washing machine and the dryer according to a user's command; and

a second controlling part configured to be connected to either one of the first control panel or the second control panel for controlling an operation of a corresponding one of the drum type washing machine and the dryer according to a user's command,

wherein the first and second control panels are interchangeably mounted on the drum type washing machine and the dryer, and

wherein the first controlling part includes control commands configured to control the operation of both of the drum type washing machine and the dryer, and the second controlling part includes the control commands configured to control the operation of both of the drum type washing machine and the dryer such that the first and second control panels are interchangeably

mounted on the drum type washing machine and the dryer without having to interchange the first and second controlling parts.

2. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second control panels include:

a key part for a user to apply a command for controlling the operation of the drum type washing machine or the dryer; and

a displaying part for displaying an image in accordance with the command applied through the key part.

3. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 2, wherein the key part includes key buttons for turning on and off a power, starting and stopping a cycle, moving back one option, going to a menu home option, and selecting a favorite entry.

4. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 2, wherein the key part includes key buttons for turning on and off a power, starting and stopping a cycle, and a dial knob for selecting various menus and cycles.

5. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 2, wherein the display part includes a touch panel the user can touch to select a desired menu or cycle.

6. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 5, wherein the touch panel displays a menu for performing an operation particular to the dryer or drum type washing machine the touch panel is mounted to.

7. (Original) The control panels as claimed in claim 2, wherein the display part includes a liquid display device (LCD).

8. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 2, wherein, when the user inputs the command through the key part, the corresponding operation of the drum type washing machine or the dryer is controlled.

9. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second control panels are mounted on a top part of any one of the drum type washing machine and the dryer.

10. (Currently Amended) Control panels for a drum type washing machine and a dryer, comprising:

a first control panel mounted on the drum type washing machine or the dryer, and including a first key part for applying a command for controlling the drum type washing machine or the dryer, and a first display part for displaying an image in accordance with the command applied through the first key part;

a second control panel mounted on the drum type washing machine or the dryer in

symmetry with the first control panel, and including a second key part for applying a command for controlling the drum type washing machine or the dryer, and a second display part for displaying an image in accordance with the command applied through the second key part, in symmetry with the first key part and the first display part in the first control panel respectively; and

first and second controlling parts interchangeably connected to either one of the first and second control panels, and for controlling an operation of the respective drum type washing machine or dryer according to the command of the user applied through the corresponding first control panel or the second control panel, and

wherein the first controlling part includes control commands configured to control the operation of both of the drum type washing machine and the dryer, and the second controlling part includes the control commands configured to control the operation of both of the drum type washing machine and the dryer such that the first and second control panels are interchangeably mounted on the drum type washing machine and the dryer without having to interchange the first and second controlling parts.

11. (Currently Amended) Control panels for a washer and a dryer, comprising:

a first control panel configured to control an operation of both a dryer and a washer, said first control panel configured to be mounted on one of said dryer and washer;

a second control panel ~~configure~~ configured to also control the operation of both the dryer and the washer, said second control panel configured to mounted on the other of said dryer and washer;

a first controlling part connected to the washer and configured to interface with either on of the first and second control panels; and

a second controlling part connected to the dryer and configured to interface with either one of the first and second control panels,

wherein the first and second control panels are interchangeable and symmetric with each other such that 1) the first control panel can be mounted on the washer and be connected to the first controlling part to control the operation of the washer based on user input through the first control panel, and the second control panel can be mounted on the dryer and be connected to the second controlling part to control the operation of the dryer based on user input through the second control panel, and 2) the first control panel can be mounted on the dryer and be connected to the second controlling part to control the operation of the dryer based on user input through the first control panel, and the second control panel can be mounted on the washer and be connected to the first controlling part to control the operation of the washer based on user input through the second control panel, and

wherein the first controlling part includes control commands configured to control the operation of both of the washer and the dryer, and the second controlling part includes the control commands configured to control the operation of both of the washer and the dryer such that the first and second control panels are interchangeably mounted on the washer and the dryer without having to interchange the first and second controlling parts.

12. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first and second control panels include:

a key part configured to receive a command from a user for controlling the operation of the washer or the dryer; and

a displaying part configured to display an image in accordance with the command applied through the key part.

13. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 12, wherein the key part includes key buttons configured to turn on and off a power of the dryer or washer, to start and stop a cycle of the dryer or washer, to move back one menu option, to go to a menu home option, and to select a favorite previously entered entry.

14. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 12, wherein the key part includes key buttons configured to turn on and off a power of the dryer or washer and to start and stop a cycle of the dryer or washer, and a dial knob configured to select various menus and cycles of the dryer or washer.

15. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 12, wherein the display part includes a touch panel the user can touch to select a desired menu or cycle.

16. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 15, wherein the touch panel displays a menu configured to perform an operation particular to the dryer or washer the touch panel is mounted to.

17. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 12, wherein the display part includes a liquid display device (LCD).

18. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 12, wherein, when the user enters the command through the key part, the corresponding operation of the washer or the dryer is controlled.

19. (Previously Presented) The control panels as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first and second control panels are mounted on a top part of any one of the drum type washing machine and the dryer.